Abstract of the Disclosure

A polishing pad (200) that includes a polishing layer (204) having a polishing region (208) for polishing a wafer (220). The polishing layer includes a set of inflow grooves (232) that extend into the polishing region and a set of outflow grooves (236) that extend out of the polishing region. The inflow and outflow grooves cooperate with one another to enhance the utilization of a polishing slurry during polishing of the wafer.